GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizers have been imported during the last three years and also in the current year to meet the requirement of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy paid by Union Government on these fertilizer imports during each of the above years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Urea is the only controlled fertilizer whose imports are made on Government account, to bridge the gap between requirement and indigenous availability. The import of decontrolled fertilizers such as DAP and MOP is governed by the marketforces operating within the parameters of the Concession Scheme. The details of imports of major fertilizers made during the last three years are as under:

(in lakh MT)

YEAR	UREA	DAP	MOP
1999-2000	5.33	32.68	28.98
2000-2001	Nil	8.60	25.68
2001-2002	2.20	9.33	28.17
2002-2003			
(upto April 02)	Nil	Nil	1.94

(c): The details of total amount of subsidy on urea and concession on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers on imports incurred by the Government during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Subsidy paid on Urea	Concession paid on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers	Total
1999-2000	74.07	1463.52	1537.59
2000-2001	0.98	1079.00	1079.98
2001-2002	47.32	744.00	781.32

The subsidy for imports made in the current year (2002-03) have so far not been released.